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SUBJ: SPANISH WARNING ON ENRICHED URANIUM

REF: MADRID 4863 1 AUG 74 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ENRIQUE LARROQUE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION, TOOK OCCASION OF COURTESY CALL BY NEW ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TO VOICE WARNING THAT USG ENRICHED URANIUM POLICY "SHORT-SIGHTED" AND THAT SPAIN TURNING ELSEWHERE FOR THESE SERVICES. THIS SIGNIFICANT SINCE LARROQUE HAD PREVIOUSLY VOICED PERSONAL INTENTION TIE SPAIN TO AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY IN EVERY POSSIBLE FIELD. CONVERSATION ALSO BROUGHT OUT THAT SPAIN APPEARS TO BE TALKING TO URENCO, PERHAPS ABOUT URANIUM ENRICHMENT. END SUMMARY

2. AFTER A RATHER EXTENDED EXCHANGE OF SOCIAL AMENITIES, DURING COURTESY CALL OF NEW ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, ENRIQUE LARROQUE, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL  
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COOPERATION, BROUGHT UP URANIUM ENRICHMENT EVIDENTLY WITHOUT

PLANNING TO DO SO BEFOREHAND, BUT NEVERTHELESS EXPRESSING A SINCERELY HELD POINT OF VIEW. HE CHARACTERIZED US POLICY AS "SHORT-SIGHTED," DELIBERATELY USING THE ENGLISH EXPRESSION, TO DESCRIBE THE VARIOUS DELAYS ON THE PART OF THE USG IN MAKING A FIRM COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES. HE STATED THAT SPAIN HAD JOINED EURODIF AFTER THE THEN AEC HAD NOT DEMONSTRATED ITS CAPACITY TO PROVIDE ENOUGH OF THESE SERVICES.

3. COMMENT: IN EMBASSY VIEW, SPAIN WOULD HAVE SOUGHT MEMBERSHIP IN EURODIF IN ANY CASE, SINCE ANNOUNCED GOS POLICY HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF SUPPLY OF ANYTHING VITAL TO ITS NATIONAL INTEREST. NEVERTHELESS, LARROQUE'S COMMENT, COMING FROM PROFESSED SUPPORTER OF US TECHNOLOGY, SHOWS THAT GOS GETTING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT US RELIABILITY AS SUPPLY SOURCE. END COMMENT

4. CONVERSATION ALSO BROUGHT OUT FACT LARROQUE RECENTLY IN BONN AND THAT URANIUM ENRICHMENT CAME UP IN DISCUSSIONS THERE. SEEMS LIKELY FROM THIS THAT SPAIN CONSIDERING JOINING URENCO AS WELL, OR AT LEAST DOING BUSINESS WITH IT. EMBASSY MADRID WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENT FROM EMBASSY BONN. STABLER

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